



OPEN SOCIETY INSTITUTE

Human Rights and Governance Grants Program

OSI HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNSHIP

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

❖ **What do I need to do in order to apply for the internship?**

If you are interested in applying for a particular position, you should send your CV, letter of intent and two reference letters from academic source or an NGO representative directly to the e-mail of the contact person listed. Your letter of intent should explain your background, your research interest, and why you think the hosting organization would suit your needs. Your reference letters should be submitted in electronic form together with your application or sent by e-mail directly from your reference sources. In September the potential hosting organizations will select one candidate each and develop a joint internship application form that would be submitted to OSI no later than October 1, 2010. There are NO LIMITS as for how many organizations you can contact; however, eventually you must submit a joint application with one hosting organization only. Final applications will be reviewed by OSI and the decisions will be announced in November 2010.

❖ **How many internship positions will be supported in 2011? And when do they start?**

OSI intends to support up to 10 internships and they are all envisioned to start from January 2011, depending on the visa and work permit application procedure and agreement between the intern and the hosting organization.

❖ **Is it possible to have internship in organization that is not included in the announcement?**

No, OSI supports ONLY internships in the organizations that are listed in the announcement for the 2011 OSI Human Rights Internship.

❖ **Are there any additional requirements for the internship positions?**

Hosting NGOs may request that candidates possess specific educational background or skills such as LLM diploma and knowledge of a particular language. All those requirements are listed in the announcement.

❖ **How do the hosting organizations decide on interns' selection?**

In September, after reviewing your applications, the hosting organizations will conduct interviews with shortlisted candidates. In addition, some of the organizations require applicants to take entry tests or provide writing samples.

❖ **What do I do if the hosting organization that I contacted has not replied yet?**

Please try contacting the designated contact person once more, via e-mail or phone. If you have any further problems please contact OSI Human Rights and Governance Grants Program, Magda Adamowicz at: madamowicz@osi.hu.

- ❖ **What if I do not fulfill only one criterion within the internship requirements? For example, although I am originally from the Central and Eastern Europe region and I studied at the University in UK, I was not an NSP-funded scholar.**
Unfortunately, since OSI funding is limited we can support only interns who fulfill **ALL FOUR** eligibility criteria.
- ❖ **What does it mean to be Network Scholarship Programs grantee? What do I need to do in order to become Network Scholarship Programs scholar?**
OSI Network Scholarship Programs (NSP) assists outstanding students from a range of backgrounds to pursue their studies in alternative academic and cultural environments. The OSI Human Rights Internship supports NSP scholars who have graduated from various programs in the UK, Germany, France and the US. To learn more about NSP funding check: <http://www.soros.org/initiatives/scholarship>
- ❖ **What if I am Central European University alumni, but from departments other than the Legal Studies Department - Human Rights or Comparative Constitutional Law programs?**
OSI can support **ONLY** alumni of the Legal Studies Department, Human Rights and Comparative Constitutional Law programs. Therefore, students from other Legal Studies Department programs or any other Departments of the Central European University are not eligible for the internship.
- ❖ **If I am interested in another research area not listed in the announcement that the hosting organization is working on, can I try to apply with this research topic?**
You may try to contact the potential hosting organization and inquire whether they are interested in another research area. Hosting organization and the candidate would also need to double check with OSI whether the new research topic falls within the priorities of the internship program.
- ❖ **What would be the level of the intern's salary/scholarship, and who decides about this? What are the costs of living? How will the internship stipend be transferred?**
OSI will provide funds to cover the entire period of the internship, including a stipend/salary and the costs of visa and travel. The level of stipend/salary is set by the hosting organization according to its internal salary regulations, reflecting living costs in the location of the internship. The grant for the internship will be administered by the Human Rights and Governance Grants Program and transferred to the hosting organization, which will be responsible for paying monthly remuneration to the intern and covering all other costs related to the internship such as visa, medical insurance and travel. All administrative and supervision costs related to the organization will be covered directly by the hosting organization as an in-kind contribution to the internship.
- ❖ **Whom do I need to contact with any further questions?**
If you have any questions regarding the research topics, you need to contact the host organization directly. All other questions regarding the process or your eligibility should be directed to OSI's Human Rights and Governance Grants Program, to the Program Coordinator of the OSI Human Rights Internship - **Magda Adamowicz** at: madamowicz@osi.hu.